

REMARKS

Claims 21 to 40, 46, 47, 48 and new Claims 50 to 60 are present.

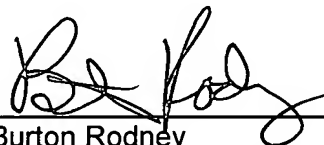
New Claims 50 to 60 cover the processes described with respect to Scheme 1 especially the preparation of compound 11 starting with compound 9 and the preparation of lactone Ia starting with compound 9.

Bases for Claims 50 to 60 are found in the specification at pages 23, 24, 31, 32 and 33 and in Example 1, pages 60 to 67.

The R₉ and R₁₀ substituents have been included in compounds 9, 10 and 11 as shown on page 31.

It is believed that this application is in good form for examination.

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